

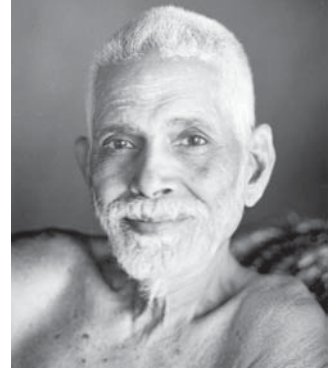
Welcome to the home of Sanmarga Dayasramam

Kattu Nallan Pillai Petral Village, Pallikonda Pattu Post, Tiruvannamalai 606 611, Tamil Nadu, India

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"Among many charitable acts, merits a billionfold, the pious act of educating the deprived.."

The Sage of Arunachala, Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi, said "All that one gives to others one gives to one's self. If this truth is understood who will not give to others?" - *'Who Am I?'*

This is an open challenge to all those who have more than enough wealth for themselves. A very healthy appeal and a purposeful plea, as well! Coming from Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi, a Sage of the highest order, every word uttered is worth devouring, to be absorbed with dedication, adoration and acceptance.



For all philanthropists, here is a golden opportunity to rush in and participate in the regalia of giving to and helping one of the noblest services man can render to humanity, donating generously for the upkeep of orphans and physically disabled children.

Hundreds of such children await your kind attention turned on them.

Yes; they are here in Tiruvannamalai, Arunachala, at the "Sanmarga Dayasramam", avidly looking at you in anticipation that you would make their lives lighter, brighter, better, meaningful and purposeful.



Jan Hith Seva Sang Trust

Handicapped and Orphaned Children's Home and School

ஏழையர் - பசி தவிர்த்தலே

மோட்ச வீட்டின் திறவுகோல்!

"Appeasing the hunger of destitutes is the gateway to salvation."

About the Trust - 1

Dear friends and philanthropists!

With salutations to you all, I seek your permission to place before you, for your kind consideration, the following:

ARUNACHALA - Tiruvannamalai, is the abode of a Great Divine Force. The Sacred Scriptures declare the Holy Hill, Arunachala, to be the manifest form of Lord Siva Himself.

This Holy Hill, Arunachala, was hailed by Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi as the holiest among holy places on the Earth. This punya kshetra has been graced by the hallowed presence of great Rishis, Siddhas, Sages and Saints throughout the ages. Pilgrims are pleased to circumambulate this Holy Hill - giripradakshina - singing the Lord's Praise and Glory.

Drawn by the Grace of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi, a German mystic, Mrs. Lucy Cornelson, came to Arunachala and lived in the immediate presence of this Holy Hill, absorbed in His Glory. In 1982, persuaded by our ever-loving well-wisher, Sri V. Ganesan, this pious lady was pleased to come, bless and dedicate the Sanmarga Dayasramam in the service of 23 destitute children.



Lucy Cornelson



Sri Arunachaleswara Temple and The Holy Mountain of Sri Arunachala



The Entrance to Sanmarga Dayashramam

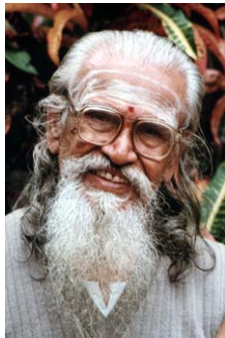
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Sanmarga Dayasramam was originally housed in the residence of its Founder, Sri Aru Kalainambi, at Vallalar Kudil, 49, Vettavalam Road, Tiruvannamalai. Later in 1988, Sri Aru Kalainambi founded the 'Jan Hith Seva Sang Trust', a Public Charitable Institution, to manage and guide the 'Sanmarga Dayasramam'.

This Trust is registered under the State Government Rules and Regulations, bearing the Registration number 30/88.

The impossibility of providing proper accommodation for the young children within the congested residence of the founder was soon realised and a solution was sought.

Due to financial constraints the founder sold his own lands and from the proceeds purchased 4.55 acres of barren tract in 1990 and got it registered in the name of the Trust. This land is situated in Kattu Nallan Pillai Petral Village adjacent to the National Highway from Tiruvannamalai to Pondicherry.



T. N. Venkatraman

By 1991, a 120 x 32 foot thatched shed was erected to provide residential and school classroom space for 177 destitute and handicapped children, and for the 16 assistants who selflessly took care of them. On the seventh of June 1991 Sri. T.N. Venkatraman, the then President of Sri Ramanasramam came and dedicated the shed for the above noble cause.



The Sanmarga Dayashramam offices



Sri Aru Kalainambi in the storeroom

About the Trust - 3

Living in such a thatched shed, braving Nature's fury, viz.: storms, heavy rain, cyclonic winds and scorching heat, was more than a challenge. On seeing such hardships, a few generous Malaysian friends, during their visits, volunteered to upgrade the premises with safe, sheltered concrete accommodation. With their kind help, in 1993, a dining hall, a classroom, an office complex, and a small shrine were completed and dedicated to the children.

By 1994, realising the basic need for physiotherapy facilities, a good-hearted friend from Malaysia, spared funds enough to put up a 60 x 20 foot Physiotherapy Hall, now bearing the name "Sri K. V. C. Nayar Hall". This was dedicated in the service of the inmates by Honourable Sri. K. V. Thangabalu, the then Government of India Social Welfare Minister.

In all humility, we record that with some small savings accruing annually through the kind contributions of our benefactors, and through our relentless efforts from 1984 onwards to provide a good residential Complex for the handicapped children, we did succeed in that. By 1997, adequate residential facilities with living space for male children on the ground floor and space enough for the female children on the first floor were created. Again Sri. T. N. Venkataraman, declared them open. On that occasion, the Shrine, already erected, was also solemnly dedicated.



The School courtyard and flagpole



Looking down from the Navaratnam ramp
to the new auditorium complex

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On 27th August, 2000, on the occasion of the 60th Birthday of the Founder, a modern kitchen, built from the kind donation of Rs. 5,00,000/- from Dr. Thilagavathi of Malaysia, was commissioned by Sri. V. Ganesan.

Here, with a great sense of gratitude and with a heart filled with joy, we gratefully acknowledge Sri. V. Dwaraknath Reddi's [Chairman, Nutrine Confectioneries, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh] generous contribution by providing modern kitchen appliances at a cost of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

Through his kindness, the children are now being fed with healthily cooked, clean food. Sri Reddi's continued guidance and help are most valuable in improving the standard of living of our children.

Though the accommodation and other living facilities have been upgraded over these years, there is still a great need to create permanent funding schemes to feed the three hundred destitute children and 26 attendants, day-in and day-out at a staggering cost of Rs. 3,000/- per day!

The teachers and assistants are paid meagrely, more as an honorarium than as any decent wages, without any formal scale of pay. It is a pity to record that even these meagre wages are sometimes very difficult to disburse. Likewise, due to paucity of funds, provision of school uniforms also becomes a stumbling block.

The regular supply of food, clothing and wages is a unique challenge for us and it is no wonder that "Sanmarga Dayasram" is struggling hard, unable to meet these unending essential daily needs!



Entrance to the female accommodation
up the Navaratnam ramp



The female dormitory situated on the first floor
of the accommodation building

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In 2003 the estimated basic annual requirement for the Home, School, Staff and day-to-day expenses, thus swells to Rs. 12,00,000/-.

The State Government provides up to Rs. 3,00,000/- as maintenance grants. The balance of Rs. 9,00,000/- has to be sought from dear donors and munificent philanthropists, like your good selves. It is a hand-to-mouth existence so far!



The staff and cooking facilities in the kitchen



The high-quality food served to the inmates and the dining hall



About the School - 1

Provision for School Classrooms has also been a vital requirement and in our attempt put up classrooms for standards One to Eight, our American benefactor, Smt. Christiani Jones, came to our rescue and provided sufficient funds for five classrooms. Sri. K. Shanthilal Jain, a Philanthropist of Tiruvannamalai, has provided for one more classroom. Two more Classrooms remain half-finished and we urgently need the funds to complete them. Besides these, two more classrooms have to be put up at the earliest to accommodate standards Nine and Ten, which now function under the greenwood trees and at times in the residential block.

It has to be mentioned here that the residential school has Government recognition for standards One to Ten; and the provision of proper classroom facilities is a statutory requirement! Further, if we were to open the higher Eleventh and Twelfth Standards, further accommodation would be required! We look to our generous friends to spare funds to fulfil this also.

Playgrounds, a Library, Laboratory facilities, etc., have also to be provided for. We pray for His grace to fulfil these commitments also.

We have a small medical room within the premises. But, at times, even First Aid becomes arduous as there are not enough medicines and surgical items.



The Teaching staff with Sri Aru Kalainambi



The outside of the main School Building

About the School - 2

The Dayasramam is six kilometers away from Tiruvannamalai. For any emergency we have to rush to the town by the infrequent local buse service as we do not have any in-house transport facility. Under such circumstances, a proper dispensary would be highly useful not only to the inmates but also to the villagers in the neighbourhood.

Incidentally, if we could have our own transport facility it could also be used to transport handicapped children to and from Tiruvannamalai, as day scholars to the school.

The provision of technical training institutions and colleges for the handicapped inmates would be an ideal aim. Many parents desire the same, as do some well-wishers of the Dayasramam. As of now, there are no special higher educational facilities exclusively for the handicapped in Tamil Nadu. It is a noble wish and its realisation is in the hands of the Lord and the charitable-minded, motivated by the Divine.

So, Dear Sirs, kindly spare whatever you can on festive occasions like a Birthday, Wedding and other memorable events for the provision of food, clothing and accommodation for these destitute and handicapped children in the age group three to fifteen.



Children in the First Standard classroom



Children In the Second Standard classroom

About the School - 3

May this Dayasramam shine as glorious abode of mutual benefaction and learning. May God bless us in this effort. May your kind contributions and our selfless service go hand in hand to realise this long cherished ideal of the friends of the poor and destitute.

Kindly mark all your donations, be it MO., DD. or Cheque, to Jan Hith Seva Sang Trust, or by Name to:

Aru. Kalainambi, President
Sanmarga Dayasramam
Vallalar Kudil
49, Vettavalam Road
Tiruvannamalai - 606 602
Tamil Nadu, South India

Phone : [04175] 223903.

The address for communication is also the same.

Our Bank Account is payable to:

JAN HITH SEVA SANG TRUST,
A/c. No.14163,
Canara Bank, Tiruvannamalai - 606 601.

with Loving Regards

Aru Kalainambi



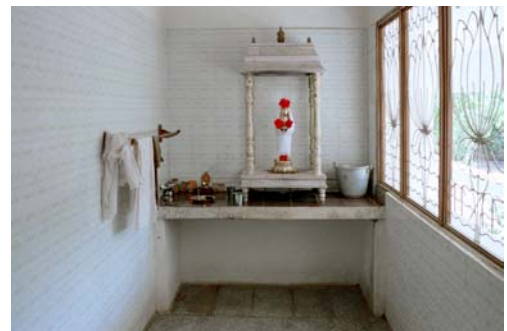
The Eighth Standard students in class



Third Standard students in class

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More Photographs



First row: 1 & 2 - Children filing into school. **3** - Dance-group girls in the auditorium. **Second Row: 1 & 2** - Senior girls drying their clothes in the courtyard. **3** - A Teacher during morning class. **Bottom row: 1 & 2** - Senior pupils in class. **3** - The Puja room next to the kitchen.



Above: The complete dance-group outside the auditorium building.

Below: Group photograph of the children and staff.



About Sri Aru Kalainambi and the Trust

Who is this Aru Kalainambi? (An introduction by V. Ganesan)

Born with a service-oriented heart, Sri Kalai Nambi is an artist, a painter by profession, Some of his paintings are exquisitely beautiful! He has been my friend for the past twenty-five years. A puny-looking man, extremely humble and ever endowed with a welcoming smile, Sri Kalai Nambi is a devotee of God, deeply devoted to the teachings of the saints and sages of India, especially to Jyothi Ramalinga Swamigal who lived in Vadalur, near Arunachala 150 years ago. This highly reputable saint's important teaching was to help the needy and poor, especially physically handicapped children.



Top: Inside the Dayasramam Office
Middle and bottom: The Auditorium building where traditional dancing is performed and the Dedication Plaques.

Sri Kalai Nambi deeply felt that one direct way to practice Sri Jyothi Ramalinga Swami's teaching of helping the needy and poor, was to start an orphanage; and thus support the destitute by infusing them with confidence, self-respect and devotion to God. For many years he worked untiringly to achieve his life's goal. God too has graciously blessed him.

By sheer hard work and perseverance, Sri Kalai Nambi was able to obtain a tract of land near Tiruvannamalai, though it was totally dry and without any vegetation. By 1991 he was successful in raising a huge thatched shed that was able to house 177 orphan and disabled children. The then president of Sri Ramanasramam, Sri T. N. Venkataraman was kind enough to inaugurate it and by way of blessing, said that the children deserved good, solid buildings to live in and that they should be given all conveniences to lead a happy and useful life.

Encouraged and enthused by these Prayers of this nephew of Sri Ramana Maharshi, Sri Kalai Nambi worked still harder. Very soon he succeeded in converting the dry, desert-like land into a green grove of trees and plants. He built a large concrete building to house the 262 children. He also raised a temple for them to offer worship. Other necessary conveniences for the ailing children are being attended to with determination and dedication. The members and staff of Dayasramam give a strong helping hand to Sri Kalai Nambi in its proper upkeep.



The Puja Room and Meditation Hall



About Sri Aru Kalainambi and the Trust

As anyone can easily perceive, organisations such as the Dayasramam are always in need of further assistance, not only for the day-to-day requirements of the inmates, but also for any necessary current and future development. Having complete trust in the Grace of God and working hard almost round the clock, Sri Kalal Nambi is ever cheerful and hopeful; he will not rest until the needs of every child of this orphanage are successfully met!



Children in the courtyard

All good-hearted human beings, I feel, have a duty to come forward to help these needy children. Perhaps, many may be financially supporting other good causes; but, do you not consider that helping orphaned and physically handicapped children should be uppermost? Every penny donated to such causes enlivens and energises a desolate child!

It is a sheer spiritual blessing to realise that these children should not miss any of what we ourselves enjoy in life, just because they are physically disabled. Please come forward to generously donate. Kindly remember the holy words of Sri Ramana Maharshi: "To help others is to help oneself!"

There is an excellent scheme formulated by Sri Kalai Nambi. If one donates \$500 US, the amount will be put in a Fixed Deposit Account and only the interest utilised. The interest earned from each \$500 donation, will cover the expenses of maintaining one disabled child for a year. This way, a once only donation produces a perennial benefit! Large-hearted devotees and friends, please come forward and donate \$500 US each, and thus help the Sanmarga Dayasramam!



V. Ganesan

A speck of dust at the holy feet of all Sages and Saints,

(V. Ganesan)
Ananda Ramana
C/o Sri Ramanasramam P.O.
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Tamil Nadu,
South India



The Navartnam Ramp leading up to the accommodation block for the girls.



The assembly area situated next to the dining hall and kitchen.



The entire possessions of each child are stored in one small compartment.